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THE NAVAL CAMPAIGN.

The Japanese naval campaign has, up to the present, been a brilliant success. It was vital for Japan to get command of the sea as soon as possible. She could afford to neglect Vladivostok for a few weeks until she had settled with the fleet at Port Arthur. Hence her sudden and fierce attack upon the fleet outside of Port Arthur. The Russian ships were driven under the guns of their fortresses, and have not dared to come out. The destruction was not complete, but a number of vessels were injured and put out of commission for the present at least. Then by constantly threatening the Russian fleet were kept from coming out, until the Japanese were ready and sunk two hulks successfully at the narrow entrance of Port Arthur. These it is intended to supplement by additional hulks, shortly, so the Russian vessels in Port Arthur will be isolated and will wait useless in the harbor till the garrison capitulates, when they will pass intact from the Russians into the hands of the Japanese.

Meanwhile a sudden sweep upon Chemulpo destroyed the two Russian vessels there and enabled Japan to land what troops she pleased and gain predominant influence at Seoul. What force Japan has in Korea is not known, but it must be a very large one. Whatever force there is, a large section of it has gone north. We hear of it occasionally in the telegrams, but they are censored very carefully.

Now that there is nothing to be feared from Russian ships on the southern and western side of Korea, Japan is at leisure to look after the northern and eastern side. There are Russian men-of-war at Vladivostok and these also must be put out of commission, or at least so thoroughly disabled as to make them afraid to come out. This has to be done for the protection of the inter-island commerce. Once this is done Japan can freely attend to her land campaign, the details of which have already been prepared, and which will be carried as quietly and swiftly as the naval campaign has been, while the Japanese transports will be able to traverse the seas with impunity. The truth of the matter is that the Japanese have had a clear definite campaign planned out, while the Russians have none. And history shows that this is by no means the first time they have made a similar mistake.

LEGAL CRITICISM.

A leading member of the Hawaiian bar remarked the other day that it had taken four years to repair the mistake made in the judicial appointments after annexation. The result of these appointments has been a distinct lowering of the legal tone, which has been to a certain extent reflected on the bar. With some notable exceptions the bench compares unfavorably with what it was under the monarchy and under the independent republic.

There is a lack of dignity in some courts, a tendency to treat judicial proceedings at times with unseemly levity, or else an equal lack of dignity by making injudicious efforts to acquire a dignity which the personality of the court does not itself command. Then it was pointed out that there was a distinct lack of erudition, both as to legal knowledge and as to broad culture. Many of the errors of justice lay in the lack of knowledge displayed by the judges.

The practice of the courts has largely drifted away from an application of sound common law principles to a jumbling of case law, much of which is of doubtful relevancy.

Instead of the judge sweeping this mass of verbiage aside and summing up himself and giving a clear exposition of the case, pointing out what fundamental principles are involved, it has become the habit now for each lawyer to hand up a paper containing the points that they desire should be made. This the judge reads through striking out those which he will not allow. The two documents are then read to the jury and it retires to consider its verdict. The result is that it is the lawyers and not the judge who try the case. And the further result is that in criminal trials the guilty men escape, while in civil trials it is a toss up as to which side will win. Naturally the layman regards the law as a glorious uncertainty. But there are definite principles of law and it is the duty of the judge to lay those down for guidance of the jury, but this involves study on the part of the judge. If the judge tried in reality instead of theory there would be far fewer miscarriages of justice. The next batch of judges should be very carefully chosen, and the mistakes of the past should not be repeated. It is not likely that they will be.

ABERRATION.

Some interesting statistics have been published by the Postmaster General of England relative to the carelessness of people with regard to addressing their correspondence. During the year 1902 there were 2,500,000 letters returned to the general post office as undeliverable on account of incorrect or insufficient addresses, or because there was no address at all. Of course such a mass of correspondence involves a large amount of unnecessary work upon the department.

This carelessness is not confined to communications of an unimportant character. During the year under review 324,403 registered letters and letters containing property were sent to the returned letter offices as undeliverable. These contained \$94,310, in coin and bank notes and \$3,571,000 in bills, cheques, money and postal orders and stamps. Of course these letters were opened and in most cases the original owners could be traced. But there is yet another section to be spoken of. No fewer than 367,519 postal packages were found without any address at all. The contents included \$930 in coin and bank notes and \$80,975 in other forms of money. Lastly through the use of flimsy envelopes, which burst and empty their contents, \$5,920 in coin and bank notes, and \$120,000 in cheques, postal orders, etc., were found loose in the postal boxes.

This shows a peculiar condition of the human brain. That people in writing hasty notes might occasionally fail to address them, we can all of us very readily understand. But that packages containing money or its equivalent to the amount of over \$81,000 should wander round the mails unaddressed is certainly very remarkable. There must be a very large number of people who apparently conduct themselves in a perfectly sane manner, but who have something lacking in their mental equipment. It is from statistics of this character that we learn the startling aberrations of mental intellect which exist without our suspecting it. The further peculiarity of this is that the fault lies not so much among the ignorant as among the better educated. Indeed the ignorant usually take great pains to be guided right when they forward money. These peculiarities are found in the postal statistics of every country, and are not a peculiar attribute of Great Britain.

The Wireless Telegraph Company has spent over \$5,000 in improvements and betterments during the past few months, as against \$3,000 received in subsidies. The number of messages transmitted for the government has steadily increased, having been five times greater in January than in October, the first month for which the subsidy was received. Among the improvements made were a land line from Honolulu to Barber's Point, and another from Mahukona to Hilo. As the station has been removed from Mahukona to Puako for the betterment of the service, about fifteen miles of additional land line is being built.

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New York Republicans have endorsed Roosevelt. The nomination may be regarded as absolutely certain. There will be no dark horse and no opposition at Chicago.

Hilo has gone into the banana trade with determination. If the banana planters send 240,000 bunches a year to the Coast, they will bring quite a considerable sum of money into the country. It is only by having steamers direct from the plantations to the markets that this fruit can be got in proper condition to the market. If the Costa Rican planters find it profitable to maintain a fruitship service fortnightly across the Atlantic to Bristol, the Hawaiian banana planters will find it equally profitable to ship direct from Hilo to the Coast. In time they will build special fruit steamers of good speed. The fruiters are a great feature in the European trade.

There is going to be another effort to get the Connetable de Richemont off French Frigate Shoals. Certainly Captain Weisbarth cannot be accused of lack of energy in trying to save the vessel. The most practicable and cheapest thing, however, would have been to wreck her, and sell the material piece meal. Of course the chance of getting the vessel intact and refitting her is alluring.

Certainly Maui was going to have a fine set of County officials, and the property-holders may well shudder at the danger that they escaped. The Deputy Sheriff of Hana, nominated by Oily Bill White, during his brief authority is charged with highway robbery. He probably thought the County Act was still in force. William Mosman the man in question, was charged with getting away with the funds of the Makawao post office when the late Jim Anderson was postmaster. He got off on a technicality.

Russia protests about the cable from Japan to Guam. But it was always the policy to carry the trans-Pacific cable to Japan in time. There seems no valid reason why the arts of peace should not be continued and projects completed simply because Russia has forced on a war. Secretary Hay has a bit of a nut to crack in the matter, but he has cracked a goodly number already.

The new armory site seems to have been definitely decided upon. There is no doubt that it should be central and as near the capitol building as possible.

Classified Ads in Star.

Ads under "Situations Wanted," inserted free until further notice.

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ble. The old drill shed was a good site, and the present one in the capitol grounds is also good. It will clear away a very unsightly portion of these grounds. It is to be hoped, however, that Superintendent Holloway will also clear the eastern end of the grounds belonging to the Judiciary Building. At present they are an eyesore.

Rear-Admiral Sotokichi Usui, who commanded the squadron at Chemulpo which blew the Russian ships to pieces was graduated from Annapolis in 1881. He then went to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, England, an establishment at which British naval officers who have reached the rank of Commander, even, attend to receive further technical instruction in gunnery, torpedo work and so forth. The Rear-Admiral's wife is a Japanese lady of rank who was educated at Vassar. Truly Western education has permeated Japan very thoroughly.

It will take the Oahu Railway Company some time to repair all the damage that has been done to its track by the storm. It will also take the Government a long time to overcome similar damages to its roads and bridges. For the government it is a more serious thing than for the railroad because the government funds are so low.

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